

November 19, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOTS - CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
POMEROY AVENUE AND KINGSTON AVENUE  
(FIRST) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Support the assessment on County-owned property within the boundaries of the new City of Los Angeles Street Lighting Maintenance District (Pomeroy Avenue and Kingston Avenue) for the operation and maintenance of the street lighting system at a proposed initial maintenance assessment of \$301 (covering 36 months) and an annual cost thereafter of \$100, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to cast the ballot in support of the assessment for the property.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the proposed Pomeroy Avenue and Kingston Avenue Street Lighting Maintenance District will allow the City of Los Angeles to provide maintenance, energy, and eventual replacement of lighting as it becomes deteriorated and/or obsolete in the proposed district.

The assessment district contains the County-owned Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 5201-020-907, on which is located the County Department of Health Services' (DHS) access road leading to the LAC+USC Medical Center Lot No. 3 Parking Structure.

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we invest in public infrastructure in order to strengthen the County's fiscal capacity. Support for the benefit assessments levied against the County properties to facilitate servicing and maintenance of public street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy by complying with the Strategic Asset Management Principles (Goal 4, Strategy 2, Objective 2).

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The proposed initial maintenance assessment of \$301 is to provide for the servicing and maintenance of a public street lighting system from the time the street lighting system was first energized in 2001 until June 30, 2004. The total assessment to be levied on the subject County property in subsequent years is \$100. Thereafter the annual assessments may be adjusted for any increases in the Consumer Price Index, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

We propose to charge the assessment to the benefiting department which has proprietorship over the assessed parcel. Based on your Board's approval of other Proposition 218 assessments, this is in keeping with the current policy and practice of charging such assessments to the County departments occupying or deriving use from the assessed property. The financial cost of paying this new assessment can be absorbed within DHS' 2003-04 budget appropriation.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies, including Los Angeles County, became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments, and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the proposed assessment.



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The street lighting maintenance district is a new district being proposed by the City of Los Angeles to cover maintenance and energy costs for street lights installed in 2000. The first assessment of \$772, of which the County's share is \$301, covers the costs incurred during the first 36 months of operation.

DHS has determined that the services to be financed by the assessment district will be of sufficient benefit to warrant your Board's support. Accordingly, we are recommending that your ballot be completed as supporting the assessment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this benefit assessment will help ensure the maintenance of the public street lighting system and provide greater public safety within the assessment district.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted stamped Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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Auditor-Controller  
Health Services